Computer, Electronics, and Office Equipment Recycling

FACT SHEET #14

The Information Age is upon us, and everywhere you look there are personal computers, printers, FAX machines and other examples of information technology. What happens to all these machines when they break or become obsolete? All too often, they are thrown into our landfills. In 1995, more than 25 million personal computers were discarded worldwide. This is projected to increase to 500 million discarded computers by 2007. But better options exist! This fact sheet lists some of the companies in our area that will take computers and other office equipment for either reuse or recycling.

This list is partial and does not constitute an endorsement of any of these service providers by Waukesha County. If you would like more information on computer recycling, know of a business in the area that takes old computer equipment, or have other recycling questions, call Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use Recycling and Solid Waste at (262) 896-8300, or visit us at www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling

Note: By law, businesses are prohibited from disposing of computers in landfills.

Please call each company to secure pick-up or drop-off instructions. Fees may apply.

Company	Phone	City	What types of computer items they recycle
AAA Environmental, Inc. www.aaaenvironmentalinc.com	(847) 583-1315	Morton Grove, IL	Printer inkjet cartridges (through mail-back envelopes) Computer & telecommunication equipment
ACS Computer Solutions	(262) 544-9922	Waukesha	Scrap computer materials; fax machines, copiers, and television sets. Call ACS for information about their fees & requirements.
All American Plastic Recycling, Inc./ Manufacturing Services	(262) 542-5777	Waukesha	Data communication hardware, floppy disks, printers, toner cartridges, whole computers and peripherals
Alpha Laser Products	(414) 543-3001	Milwaukee	Toner cartridges for laser/inkjet printers, and fax machines
Badger State Industries	(800) 862-1086	Madison	Obsolete/ broken computers & peripherals -will pick up from facility for free. *Badger State donates or sells computers for a discounted price to churches, schools, libraries, and other non-profit organizations.

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Best Impressions	(262) 785-0606	Elm Grove	Laser printer toner cartridges
Business Materials Exchange of Wisconsin www.bmex.org	(800) 364-3233		A material listing service designed as a clearinghouse to match manufacturers and other businesses that need materials with companies that have reusable, surplus or by-product materials available.
Cascade Asset Management, LLC www.cascade-assets.com	(608) 222-4800	Madison ** Cascade will do local pick-ups in Southeast Wisconsin	Whole systems, circuit boards, keyboards, terminals, generic ICs, televisions, monitors, printers, mainframes, cables, laptops, & other electronic equipment. *Cascade donates some computers to non-profit organizations.
Castaway Computers, Inc. http://castawaycomputers.org/	(414) 430-5773 (414) 430-5774	West Allis	Pentium computers only. Call for drop-off information and scheduling. *Castaway donates computers to churches, schools, libraries, and other non-profit organizations.
Computer Recycling Services, Inc.	(262) 784-5679	New Berlin	Any computer equipment, scanners, plotters, cabling, terminals (for a fee), copy machines, fax machines, telephone systems, printers, television sets (for a fee)
Computer Renaissance	(262) 860-8777	Brookfield	Will buy back computer materials that were purchased in their store only
Goodwill Industries-Milwaukee	(414) 344-3959	Milwaukee	Call for more information
Home Source	(414) 562-2345	Milwaukee	Call for more information
IMC, Ltd.	(262) 798-0909	Waukesha	Repair, design, and maintain computer systems. Call for more information.
Lamp Recyclers, Inc. http://www.lamprecyclers.com	(800) 558-1166	Call about pick-up service	Broken and obsolete mainframes, computers, peripherals, all small office machinery
Mercury Waste Solutions	(800) 741-3343	Union Grove	Obsolete computer equipment
Midwest Capital	(414) 774-7880	West Allis	Accepts old, used office equipment (copiers, fax machines, computers)

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Midwest Computer Recyclers www.dead-computers.com	(414) 541-1716	Milwaukee Call for pick-up or drop-off information	Accepts obsolete electronic office equipment
Office Resource	(414) 774-5551	West Allis	Laser printer and fax cartridges
Pendl Companies, Inc. www.pendl.com	(262) 896-8888 (800) 236-2000	Waukesha	Laser and inkjet printer cartridges
Power Data, Inc.	(414) 536-9913	Milwaukee	486 PC & later models, Macintosh models, VGA monitors, Macintosh II & later monitors, FAX machines, printers (call with questions on specific items)
Precision Media Products, Inc.	(414) 971-0238	Muskego	Printer cartridges (laser and ink jet) Call for drop-off or pick-up information
Recycle Technologies, Inc.	(262) 798-3040	Waukesha	Fax machines, televisions, computers/peripherals, copy machines
Shadow Fax, Inc.	(608) 222-1918 (800) 837-1918	Madison	Laser printer toner cartridges
Superior Special Services, Inc.	(800) 556-LAMP	Port Washington	Computers, peripherals, and printers
Swift's Recycling Brokers www.swiftsrecyclingbrokers.com	(262) 253-0486	Serve Southeast Wisconsin -call for more information	Computers/all components, telephones & answering machines, cameras/projectors/film, paper/cardboard/plastics/wire, light fixtures and bulbs, motors/batteries/power tools, copiers/shredders/postage meters, VCR's/record & tape players
Waste Management Asset Recovery Group	(651) 451-1145	Inner Grove, MN	PC Computers, mainframes, Mini-systems, storage disks, power supply units, printed circuit boards, radios, CD players, Stereo components, portable units, telephone headsets and base units, televisions, monitors, and CRTs
Xerographic Supply of Wisconsin	(262) 547-3700	Waukesha	Laser and inkjet printers and cartridges